

on the basis for exemption determination, please refer to section IV of the August 29, 2016 notice (81 FR 59266). Deb Carlson stated that the state of Minnesota has no concerns with issuing George R. Morehouse an exemption. Additionally, Ms. Carlson noted that Curtis L. Shannon has held a CDL since April 25, 2015. FMCSA does not require drivers to hold a CDL and instead looks at each individual's experience driving CMVs, as defined in part FR 390.5 in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, and any crashes and moving violations in their driving history. For additional information on the basis for exemption determination, please refer to section II, section III, and section IV of the August 29, 2016, notice (81 FR 59266).

IV. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 18 exemption applications, FMCSA exempts the following drivers from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), subject to the requirements cited above 49 CFR 391.64(b):

Gregory M. Anderson (NY)
 Richard D. Auger (CA)
 Theodore N. Belcher (VA)
 Darrin E. Bogert (NY)
 Michael S. Buck (IN)
 Jose D. Chavez (MD)
 Philip J. Clements (WI)
 Alfonso P. Echevarria (GA)
 Samuel R. Graziano (PA)
 Zagar E. Melvin (GA)
 George R. Morehouse (MN)
 Robert H. Nelson, III (VA)
 Salvador Sanchez (CA)
 Randal J. Shabloski (PA)
 Curtis L. Shannon (MN)
 Ricardo N. Vargas (CA)
 Johnny Watson (GA)
 Harold F. White, Jr. (SC)

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.

If the exemption is still effective at the end of the 2-year period, the person may apply to FMCSA for a renewal under procedures in effect at that time.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2016-0002-N-24]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of proposed information collection activities listed below. Before submitting these information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities, which are identified in this notice.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than December 27, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, Federal Railroad Administration, RRS-21, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590; or Ms. Kim Toone, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB Control Number 2130-New." Alternatively, comments may be faxed to (202) 493-6216 or (202) 493-6497, or emailed to Mr. Brogan at Robert.Brogan@dot.gov, or Ms. Toone at Kim.Toone@dot.gov. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Safety Analysis Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292)

or Ms. Kim Toone, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6132). (These telephone numbers are not toll free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60-days' notice to the public to allow comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB approval to implement them. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding: (1) Whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques and other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(i)-(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)-(iv).

FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations mandate. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (1) Reduce reporting burdens; (2) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user-friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

Below is a brief summary of currently approved information collection activities that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

Title: Accident/Incident Reporting and Recordkeeping.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0500.

Abstract: The collection of information is due to the railroad

accident reporting regulations in 49 CFR part 225 that require railroads to submit monthly reports summarizing collisions, derailments, and certain other accidents/incidents involving damages above a periodically revised dollar threshold, as well as certain injuries to

passengers, employees, and other persons on railroad property. Because the reporting requirements and the information needed regarding each category of accident/incident are unique, a different form is used for each category.

Form Number(s): FRA F 6180.39i; 54; 55; 55A; 56; 57; 78; 81; 97; 98; 99; 107; 150.

Affected Public: Businesses.
Respondent Universe: 790 railroads.
Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

REPORTING BURDEN

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
225.6—Consolidated Reporting—Request to FRA by parent corporation to treat its commonly controlled carriers as a single railroad carrier for purposes of this part.	790 railroads	1 request	40 hours	40
—Written agreement by parent corporation with FRA on specific subsidiaries included in its railroad system.	790 railroads	1 agreement	2 hours	2
—Notification by parent corporation regarding any change in the subsidiaries making up its railroad system and amended written agreement with FRA.	790 railroads	1 notification + 1 amended agreement.	60 minutes	2
225.9—Telephonic Reports of Certain Accidents/Incidents and Other Events.	790 railroads	2,400 phone reports	15 minutes	600
225.11—Reporting of Rail Equipment Accidents/Incidents—Form FRA F 6180.54.	790 railroads	2,500 forms	2 hours/1 hour/123 minutes.	4,530
225.12—Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Reports Alleging Human Factor as Cause—Form FRA F 6180.81.	790 railroads	1,200 forms	15 minutes	300
—Part I Form FRA F 6180.78 (Notices)	790 railroads	800 notices + 4,000 copies.	10 minutes + 3 minutes	334
—Joint operations	790 railroads	100 requests	20 minutes	33
—Late identification	790 railroads	20 attachments + 20 notices.	15 minutes	10
—Employee statement supplementing Railroad Accident Report (Part II Form FRA F 6180.78).	Railroad employees	60 statements	1.5 hours	90
—Employee confidential letter	Railroad employees	10 letters	2 hours	20
225.13—Late Reports—Railroad discovery of improperly omitted Report of Accident/Incident.	790 railroads	25 late reports	1 hour	25
—Railroad late/amended Report of Accident/Incident based on employee statement supplementing Railroad Accident Report.	790 railroads	25 amended reports + 40 copies.	1 hour + 3 minutes	27
225.18—Railroad narrative report of possible alcohol/drug involvement in accident/incident.	790 railroads	12 reports	30 minutes	6
—Reports required by section 219.209(b) appended to rail equipment accident/incident report.	790 railroads	5 reports	30 minutes	3
225.19—Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Accident/Incident Report—Form FRA F 6180.57.	790 railroads	2,100 forms	2 hours/1 hour	4,000
—Death, Injury, or Occupational Illness (Form FRA F 6180.55a).	790 railroads	3,243 forms	60 min./60 min 195 min	3,700
225.21—Railroad Injury and Illness Summary: Form FRA F 6180.55.	790 railroads	9,480 forms	10 minutes	1,580
225.21—Annual Railroad Report of Employee Hours and Casualties, By State—Form FRA F 6180.56.	790 railroads	790 forms	15 minutes	198
225.21/25—Railroad Employee Injury and/or Illness Record—Form FRA F 6180.98.	790 railroads	13,700 forms	60 minutes	13,700
—Copies of forms to employees	790 railroads	411 form copies	2 minutes	14
225.21—Initial Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Record—Form FRA F 6180.97.	790 railroads	11,800 forms	30 minutes	5,900
—Completion of Form FRA F 6180.97 because of rail equipment involvement.	790 railroads	1 form	30 minutes	1
225.21—Alternative Record for Illnesses Claimed to Be Work Related—Form FRA F 6180.107.	790 railroads	300 forms	75 minutes	375
225.21—Highway User Statement—Railroad cover letter and Form FRA F 6180.150 sent out to potentially injured travelers involved in a highway-rail grade crossing accident/incident.	790 railroads	950 letters/forms	50 minutes	792

REPORTING BURDEN—Continued

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
—Form FRA F 6180.150 completed by highway user and sent back to railroad.	950 Injured Individuals	660 forms	45 minutes	495
225.25 (h)—Posting of Monthly Summary	790 railroads	9,480 lists	5 minutes	790
225.27—Retention of Records	790 railroads	13,700 records	2 minutes	457
—Record of Form FRA F 6180.107	790 railroads	300 records	2 minutes	10
—Record of Monthly Lists	790 railroads	9,480 records	2 minutes	316
—Record of Form FRA F 6180.97	790 railroads	11,800 records	2 minutes	393
—Record of Employee Human Factor Attachments.	790 railroads	1,740 records	2 minutes	58
225.33—Internal Control Plans—Amendments ..	790 railroads	10 amendments	6 hours	60
225.35—Access to Records and Reports	15 railroads	200 lists	20 minutes	67
225.37—Optical Media Transfer of Reports, Updates, and Amendments.	8 railroads	200 transfers	3 minutes	10
—Electronic Submission of Reports, Updates, and Amendments.	790 railroads	2,400 submissions	3 minutes	120

Total Responses: 103,976.
Estimated Total Annual Burden: 39,058 hours.
Status: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
Title: Railroad Communications.
OMB Control Number: 2130–0524.
Abstract: FRA amended its radio standards and procedures to promote compliance by making the regulations

more flexible; to require wireless communications devices, including radios, for specified classifications of railroad operations and roadway workers; and to retitle this part to reflect its coverage of other means of wireless communications such as cellular telephones, data radio terminals, and other forms of wireless communications to convey emergency and need-to-know

information. The new rule establishes safe, uniform procedures covering the use of radio and other wireless communications within the railroad industry.
Form Number(s): N/A.
Affected Public: Businesses.
Respondent Universe: 725 railroads.
Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

REPORTING BURDEN

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
220.8—Waivers Petitions	725 railroads	6 petition letters	60 minutes	6
220.25—Instruction of Employees	725 railroads	91,000 instructed employees.	30 minutes	45,500
—Subsequent Years	725 railroads	12,5400 instructed employees.	10 minutes	2,090
—Operational Testing of Employees	725 railroads	100,000 tests/record	5 minutes	8,333
220.37—Testing Radio and Wireless Communication Equipment.	725 railroads	780,000 tests	30 seconds	6,500
220.61—Transmission of Mandatory Directives	725 railroads	7,200,000 directives	1.5 minutes	180,000
—Marking Mandatory Directives	725 railroads	624,000 marks	15 seconds	2,600
220.307—Railroad Written Document Stating Authorized Business Purpose for Taking Video/Photo with Railroad-Supplied Electronic Device.	725 railroads	10 written documents	60 minutes	10
—Safety Briefing for Use of Railroad-Supplied Electronic Device in Cab of Controlling Locomotive.	725 railroads	5,460,000 briefings	1 minute	91,000
220.313—Railroad Written Program of Instruction and Examination on Part 220 Requirements.	5 new railroads	5 amended written Instruction Programs.	60 minutes	5
—Training of Railroad Employees on Part 220 Requirements.	730 railroads	5,000 Trained Employees.	15 minutes	1,250
—Employee Training Records	730 railroads	5,000 records	5 minutes	417

Total Responses: 14,277,567.
Estimated Total Annual Burden: 337,717 hours.
Status: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
Title: Safety Integration Plans.
OMB Control Number: 2130–0557.
Abstract: FRA and the Surface Transportation Board, working in

conjunction with each other, have issued joint final rules establishing procedures for the development and implementation of safety integration plans (SIPs) by a Class I railroad proposing to engage in certain specified merger, consolidation, or acquisition of control transactions with another Class I railroad, or a Class II railroad with

which it proposes to amalgamate operations. The scope of the transactions covered under the two rules is the same. FRA uses the information collected (the required SIPs), to maintain and promote a safe rail environment by ensuring that affected railroads (Class Is and some Class IIs) address critical safety issues

unique to the amalgamation of large, complex railroad operations.
Form Number(s): N/A.

Affected Public: Railroads.
Respondent Universe: Class I railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
244.13—Safety Integration Plans: Amalgamation of Operations.				
—SIP Development & Quarterly Meetings	8 railroads	1 plan	340 hours	340
244.17—Procedures—Reports to FRA	8 railroads	25 reports	40 hours + 2 hours	88
—Responses to FRA Inquiries Re: SIP data	8 railroads	6 responses	8 hours	48
—Coordination in Implementing Approved SIP ..	8 railroads	25 phone calls	10 minutes	4
—Request for Confidential Treatment	8 railroads	1 request	16 hours	16
244.19—Disposition—Comments on Proposed SIP Amendments.	8 railroads	2 reports	16 hours	32

Total Responses: 60.
Estimated Total Annual Burden: 528 hours.

Status: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

Title: Passenger Train Emergency Systems.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0576.

Abstract: The collection of information is due to passenger train emergency regulations in 49 CFR part 238 to further the safety of passenger train occupants through both enhancements and additions to FRA's existing regulations. In its final rule issued on November 29, 2013 (*see* 78 FR

71785), FRA added requirements for emergency passage through vestibule and other interior passageway doors and enhanced emergency egress and rescue signage requirements. FRA also established requirements for low-location emergency exit path markings to assist occupants in reaching and operating emergency exits, particularly under conditions of limited visibility. Moreover, FRA added standards to ensure emergency lighting systems are provided in all passenger cars and enhanced requirements for the survivability of emergency lighting

systems in new passenger cars. The purpose of this part is to prevent collisions, derailments, and other occurrences involving railroad passenger equipment that cause injury or death to railroad employees, railroad passengers, or the general public and to mitigate the consequences of such occurrences to the extent they cannot be prevented.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Affected Public: Railroads/businesses.

Respondent Universe: 30 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
238.112—Door Emergency Egress and Rescue Access Systems—markings, signage, instructions.	30 railroads	45,804 markings/signs/instructions.	15 minutes	11,451
—Passenger car exterior doors intended for emergency access by responders marked with retro-reflective material and instructions provided for their use.	30 railroads	30,536 exterior door markings.	15 minutes	7,634
—Markings and instructions—interior door panels/windows.	30 railroads	1,340 marked panels/windows.	15 minutes	335
—Testing of car door removable panels, removable windows, manual override devices, & door retention mechanisms as part of periodic mechanical inspection—Record.	30 railroads	17 tested cars/records ...	90 minutes	26
238.113—Emergency Window Exits—markings/and instructions.	30 railroads	662 window markings	60 min./90 min./120 minutes.	964
—Periodic testing of representative sample of car emergency exit windows as part of periodic mechanical inspection—Record.	30 railroads	17 tested cars/records ...	30 minutes	9
238.114—Rescue Access Windows—Markings with retro-reflective material on each exterior car.	30 railroads	1,092 access window markings.	45 minutes	819
238.121—Emergency Communication—Marking of each intercom intended for passenger use on new Tier I & Tier II passenger cars.	30 railroads	116 marked intercom locations (58 new cars with two locations per car).	5 minutes	10
238.303—Exterior calendar day mechanical inspection of passenger equipment: Replacement of missing, illegible, or inconspicuous markings, signage, & instructions.	30 railroads	150 replacement required markings.	20 minutes	50
—Record of noncomplying marking, signage, or instruction.	30 railroads	150 noncompliance records.	2 minutes	5
238.305—Interior calendar day mechanical inspection of passenger cars: Written notification to train crew of noncomplying condition and posting notice on door of defective condition.	30 railroads	260 notifications + 260 notices.	1 minute	9

CFR Section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
—Written notification to train crew of car with non-functioning PA or intercom system.	30 railroads	300 written notifications	1 minute	5
—Record of noncomplying condition	30 railroads	300 records	2 minutes	10
—Railroad written procedures for mitigating hazards of noncomplying condition.	30 railroads	30 written procedures	40 hours	1,200
—Written notification to train crew of noncomplying condition.	30 railroads	458 written notifications	2 minutes	15
238.307—Records of inspection, testing, and maintenance of passenger car emergency window exits.	30 railroads	7,634 inspection and testing records.	5 minutes	636
—Replacement of missing, illegible, or inconspicuous emergency roof access markings/instructions on cars.	30 railroads	32 required markings	20 minutes	11
238.311—Single Car Test: Railroad copy of APTA Standard (SS-M-005-98) for railroad head trainer.	30 railroads	30 APTA copies	15 minutes	8
—Other railroad copies of APTA Standard	30 railroads	360 copies (12 copies per railroad).	2 minutes	12

Total Responses: 89,780.

Estimated Annual Burden: 23,325 hours.

Status: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 21, 2016.

Patrick Warren,

Acting Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2016–0102; Notice 1]

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Receipt of petition.

SUMMARY: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen), has determined that certain model year (MY) 2016 Volkswagen eGolf motor vehicles do not fully comply with paragraph S6.5.3.2 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108, *Lamps, reflective devices and associated equipment*. Volkswagen filed a report dated September 16, 2016, pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and*

Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports. Volkswagen then petitioned NHTSA under 49 CFR part 556 for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

DATES: The closing date for comments on the petition is November 25, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on this petition. Comments must refer to the docket and notice number cited in the title of this notice and submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Send comments by mail addressed to U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- **Hand Deliver:** Deliver comments by hand to U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Federal Holidays.

- **Electronically:** Submit comments electronically by logging onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Web site at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Comments may also be faxed to (202) 493–2251.

Comments must be written in the English language, and be no greater than 15 pages in length, although there is no limit to the length of necessary attachments to the comments. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please ensure that two copies are provided. If you wish to receive confirmation that comments you have submitted by mail were received, please

enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard with the comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

The petition, supporting materials, and all comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be filed in the docket and will be considered. All comments and supporting materials received after the closing date will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible.

When the petition is granted or denied, notice of the decision will also be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated at the end of this notice.

All documents submitted to the docket may be viewed by anyone at the address and times given above. The documents may also be viewed on the Internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by following the online instructions for accessing the dockets. The docket ID number for this petition is shown in the heading of this notice.

DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement is available for review in a **Federal Register** notice published on April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477–78).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Overview

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) and their implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 556, Volkswagen submitted a petition for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.

This notice of receipt of Volkswagen's petition is published under 49 U.S.C.